--- Series of 1880-81 - TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Division Open [A 53] ---

--- lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- Inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / **de 1/2 lb. ---**

The catalogue lists the TABAC CANADIEN 1/2 pound, green, Division Open [A 53] strip as follows:

RT-73 - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, Division Open "A 53", on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**
RT-74 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, Division Open "A 53", on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RT-74n - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, TABAC CANADIEN, Division Open **"A 53"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - ***two copies***

Possibly the block of strips from **050000** to **070000** were run using the **A-53** plates and the earlier copies used the plain 1881 one-half pound Division Open French plates. Are the initial entries for **RT-74** mis-catalogued?

John McKay records about 670,000 copies of the "1/2 lb. French, Twist" were lithographed. Most of these have not surfaced to date. It is possible that BABN was running two separate control number sequences for the plain 1881 strips, and the later **A53** numbered strips.

--- RT-74 - 1/2 pound - *coarse roulette* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RT-74 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, TABAC CANADIEN, Division Open **"A 53"**, control number **051193**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

001208	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
011825	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051161-70	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051180	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051192	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051193★	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
051200	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
065326	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
065332	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
065355-58	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
065359	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
065361	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
065725	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
067598	RT-74 CP	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect

RT-74 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, TABAC CANADIEN, Division Open **"A 53"**, control number **067911**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** - a suspect strip

067911★	RT-74 CP	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect

RT-74 - 1/2 pound, green, *coarse roulette*, TABAC CANADIEN, Division Open **"A 53"**, control number **067911**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** - a suspect strip

067913★	RT-74 CP	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect
067916	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
067920	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
068170	RT-74	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh

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